

1 SENATE BILL NO. 124

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE
5 LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT POLICIES REQUIRING THAT BILL SUMMARIES BE
6 PREPARED FOR INTRODUCED BILLS."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Legislative council and legislative finance committee to adopt policies**
11 **requiring bill summaries -- no basis for legal claim or action.** (1) The legislative council shall adopt a policy
12 requiring that a summary be prepared by the legislative services division for each introduced bill that is not
13 a general appropriation bill.

14 (2) The legislative finance committee shall adopt a policy requiring the legislative finance division
15 to prepare a summary for each introduced bill that is a general appropriation bill.

16 (3) Each bill summary must be objective in nature, apply to the bill in its introduced form, and
17 contain a short description of the provisions of the bill and arguments for and against the passage of the
18 bill. The summary of a general appropriation bill or a bill implementing the recommendations of the code
19 commissioner made pursuant to 1-11-204(1) may be as long as necessary.

20 (4) The provisions of a bill summary, or the failure to prepare a bill summary, is not a basis for a
21 legal action or claim concerning a bill introduced in or passed by the legislature.

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